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NOTICE.

In the present revised edition of the Laws, some which have been cancelled are omitted, and others which have been adopted are incorporated, and the Code is now arranged regularly from No. 1 to No. 208.

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PRAVERS,

Adopted by the A. M. C. for the use of all Lodges, and they are requested generally to make use of the same.

Opening Prayer.

Almighty and merciful God! Thou in whom we trust,—in whom “we live and move, and have our being,”—we adore Thee as the Supreme Ruler and righteous Governor of the world, and as the merciful and bountiful Dispenser of “every good and perfect gift.” We humbly invoke thy blessing upon us while convened in this temple, consecrated to Friendship, Love, and Truth. May all our works be performed with a view of promoting the sacred and heaven-born principles of our widely-extended brotherhood; may our deliberations be characterized by the spirit of kindness and charity, that we may realise “how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.” We implore Thee, in behalf of the stranger, the sick, the afflicted, the widow and the orphan; grant to be unto them a Friend and Protector, and shield them from the oppression and selfishness of the world. Keep us in Thy fear and wisdom, and ultimately may we be worthy to enter into the company of those above who have been faithful on earth; all of which we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, and Thine shall be the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Closing Prayer.

We sincerely return Thee thanks, O Lord, that Thou hast again permitted us to enjoy this Lodge meeting. Pardon what thou hast seen amiss in us; and now as we are about to separate, let Thy blessing be with us, and all our brethren throughout the globe. May

peace and harmony prevail in our borders. May we, in our intercourse with each other and the world at large, be influenced and actuated by the sublime precepts and teachings of our beloved Order, and at last may we all be permitted to partake of the joys of the Celestial Lodge above, and to Thy exalted Name be all the glory, "as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end;" all of which we ask in the Name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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GENERAL LAWS.

That this Fraternity be, and is hereby called "THE CANADIAN ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE MANCHESTER UNITY;" its object being assistance to every brother in sickness, distress, or danger, and governed by the following Code of Laws. It shall consist of an unlimited number of members, well attached to the Queen and Government, whose admission shall be regulated in strict accordance with the rules and regulations of the Institution, and whose principles must be duly vouched for in conformity with the general declaration and qualification essential for a member.

1. That in order to constitute a lodge, it shall be imperative that not less than five members be present, including a competent officer to preside. *And if five subscribing members of the lodge be not present, no business shall be transacted, except the receiving of contributions, and the payment of sick and funeral donations.*

2. That all lodges shall meet regularly on the evenings appointed, at not earlier than half-past six nor later than half-past eight o'clock. Lodge business to commence immediately after the lodge is opened, and not to be closed earlier than one hour from the time the lodge is opened. All new business entertained after half-past ten o'clock shall be null and void, and the three propositions in lodge business shall all be opened at the same time, and remain open until the close of the lodge.

3. That the N. G. shall cause the Warden to examine and demand the pass-word from every person who shall be in the lodge-room before the lodge is opened,

and without giving the pass-word no person shall be entitled to sit, after which the *Guardian* or Guardians shall demand the pass-word from every member who may apply for admission.

4. That in the absence of the N. G. of any lodge, he shall appoint a P. G. to fill his chair; when no officer is appointed by the N. G. for that purpose, any P. G., or in the absence of a P. G., the V. G. may take the chair and open the lodge. That any lodge admitting a person not a regular member of the Order, *unless a member of a sister Order holding reciprocal connection*, into the lodge, when the lodge is open, shall be fined twenty-five shillings, the fine to go to the widows' and orphans' fund.

5. Every member who accepts an office, shall attend the lodge, and take his situation at the time appointed for opening the same, or send an apology in writing, satisfactory to a majority of the members present, or be fined, elective officers 1s. 3d., and inferior officers 7½d.; and if absent for three successive nights, either with or without an apology, shall vacate his office, and another be appointed in his stead, *unless* such absence is caused by sickness (in such cases only) his situation shall be filled by any qualified member of the lodge, and the sick officer shall be entitled to the office to which he was appointed.

6. That it be discretionary with all lodges whether they appoint an Outside Guardian or not, and should either of the *Guardians* admit a member without demanding from him the pass-word, he or they shall be fined two shillings and sixpence each; and should either of them leave the door, or suffer a stranger to enter during lodge hours, the party so offending shall be fined one pound for each offence.

7. That every member, upon his first entrance into the lodge, shall give the countersign to the N. G. and V. G. before taking his seat, and again on his last leaving the lodge, or be fined 7½d. for each offence.

8. That when a member addresses the N. G., or any other officer that may be presiding, he shall be standing,

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or be fined 7½d. ; and any member interrupting another whilst addressing the lodge shall be fined 7½d. for each offence.

9. That if a member disobey the N. G., or any other presiding officer, when called to order, he shall be fined 7½d. for each offence ; and when a fine has been inflicted by a presiding officer of a lodge or the District Committee upon a member for a violation of any general or by-law of the lodge or District, such fine cannot be returned unless the member appeals to his lodge, or a Committee of the District.

10. That any member being in a lodge room in a state of intoxication, shall, for the first offence, be fined the sum of five shillings ; for the second, ten shillings ; and for the third he shall be reported to a Committee of the District, and shall suffer as they may think proper ; in all cases the fine to go to the lodge in which the offence was committed, and the lodge to which he belongs shall be responsible for the payment, if he continues a member.

11. That any member insulting, quarrelling with, or striking a member, either in or out of lodge, shall be fined the sum of five shillings. Any member aiding or abetting in such offence, shall be fined two shillings and sixpence. If any brother misbehaves himself during lodge-hours, or enters into conversation with a new-made brother, so that his conduct may be deemed a bad example, he shall be fined two shillings and sixpence.

12. That no member shall be allowed to go in or out of the lodge-room during discussion or harmony, nor leave the lodge-room at a quarterly or special meeting until the lodge is closed, except by consent of the N. G.

13. That if any member neglect to address the officers of his lodge by their respective titles, he shall be fined 7½d.

14. That if any member divulge a member's name who votes against a person becoming an Odd-Fellow, or make known the discussions used in lodge or committee, so as to cause disturbance or angry feeling between two

or more members, he shall in each case be fined, for the first offence, five shillings; for the second, ten shillings; and for the third, be suspended for twelve months. Any member making known the discussions used in lodge or committee to any person who does not belong to the Order shall be fined for the first offence, ten shillings; for the second, twenty shillings; and for the third, be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of the lodge or District may think fit.

15. That any member improperly reflecting on the decisions of a lodge or committee, legally convened, so as to bring the same into contempt or ridicule, shall be fined five shillings for each offence.

16. That no member shall vote or take office in the lodge the night he is initiated, or the night he throws in his clearance, except it be on the opening of a new lodge; or be allowed to vote in any lodge except where he is a subscribing member.

17. That no lodge shall be allowed to sit under any laws but those adopted by the A. M. C., or by-laws made in conformity therewith. Any lodge breaking this law shall, for the first offence, be fined five pounds; and for the second be expelled, the fine to be paid into the widows and orphans' fund.

18. Any brother transacting any private business, or reading any publication unconnected with the order, or making, or proposing to make, any wager, during lodge hours, shall be subject to a fine of 7½d.

PROPOSITIONS AND INITIATIONS.

19. That all persons must be proposed by a member on one lodge night, and the parties so proposed are to be made on the next or any subsequent lodge night, within six calendar months from the time they were proposed, or forfeit their proposition money; and that lodges be not allowed to return such proposition money, except the person has been rejected. The name, age, place of abode and occupation of the intended member to be entered into the book by the secretary, and read to the

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lodge. The N. G. shall be required to ascertain by a committee whether the person proposed is respectable, and whether he and his wife (if any) are in a sound state of health; when that is done, the opinion of the lodge shall be taken.

20. If any person be proposed in one lodge and made in another within the space of six calendar months from the time he was proposed in the first lodge, the lodge accepting such person shall pay to the lodge in which he was first proposed the sum of twelve shillings and sixpence: but no lodge shall have any claim if a longer time has elapsed between the proposition and the initiation than six calendar months.

21. That no lodge shall be allowed to make a person knowing him to have been refused to be made or accepted in another lodge in compliance, until they have received the consent of a committee of the District, under the penalty of twenty-five shillings to the widows and orphans' fund. That any person who may have been refused acceptance by one lodge, obtaining admission into another lodge, and not acquainting its members of the fact of his having been so refused acceptance, shall, on proof being made, be expelled the Order.

22. If any member persuade a person, who may be proposed for any lodge, to be initiated in another, before the expiration of six calendar months from the date of such proposition, he shall be fined twenty-five shillings, which fine shall be paid into the widows and orphans' fund.

23. That lodges shall have power to appoint committees in such manner as they may think proper, to inquire into the character of persons proposed to become members of the Order; all members to be admitted by ballot, and that *one-fifth of members present* shall exclude the candidate; *and in case of dispute the ballot may be taken a second time, provided no brother has left the room.*

24. That each lodge shall appoint a surgeon, whose duty shall be to inspect individuals intending to join the Order, and to visit the sick members, but when other

medical men are employed he shall visit at least once a week, and every declaration on the funds, and recovery, shall be signed by him. Any lodge breaking this law shall be fined 20s.

25. That no person of improper character, nor any one under the age of eighteen years, shall be made a member of this Order. Any member who knowingly proposes a person contrary to this law shall be fined twenty-five shillings, and not less than ten shillings, whether the person proposed be admitted or not.

26. That every person previous to initiation shall sign, after being read to him either by an elective or past officer of the lodge, the following declaration; that the N. G. or Secretary, as the case may be, shall sign his or their names as witnesses, and that the Board of Directors provide a book of forms for that purpose, which shall be kept in the lecture box.

FORM OF DECLARATION.

Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity.

I, _____ residing at _____ being desirous of becoming a member of the _____ Lodge of the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, of the Manchester Unity, do hereby declare that I was born on the _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred and _____ as I have been informed and verily believe; and that I am not nor have I been afflicted with any disease, disorder or constitutional weakness, which may tend to incapacitate me for the performance of my customary occupation, or which I have not mentioned to the Certifying Surgeon; and I do hereby agree, that this declaration shall be made the basis of the contract between the lodge and myself; and that if any untrue averment is contained in this declaration, all monies which shall have been paid by me to the above lodge, shall be forfeited. And I do hereby further declare, that if admitted a member of the above lodge, I will faithfully observe all and every regulation thereof; and I do furthermore consent, agree and pledge

myself, that all payments made by me to the lodge shall be subject to the said laws and regulations.

Dated this _____ day of _____

27. That all monies shall be in Halifax currency, and the following shall be the scale of initiation:—

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Persons may be admitted above 40 years of age, by paying £5 initiation fee, and the arrears of contribution from that age shall be added to and received as initiation fee: *said fee to be charged according to age at the time of initiation.*—That 5s. of the initiation fee be paid at the time of proposition, and the remainder previous to the person being admitted into the lodge room for initiation. Any lodge breaking this law shall be fined ten shillings. Brothers who have heretofore joined the Order as honorary members, shall be allowed the fee paid by them out of the initiation money required by this law.

28. Persons may be admitted honorary members on payment of five shillings, and a subscription of five shillings annually, *to be paid within fourteen weeks from dates fixed by the lodges, under 33rd and 34th laws.* They may take offices and degrees, but shall not be allowed to vote, except the casting vote, when presiding. Honorary members shall not be charged with contributions, but shall be subject to levies for incidental expenses, and shall not have any claim on the funds of the Order.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

29. That the whole of the initiation money and a fixed amount of the contributions of members shall go to a fund, to be called the "General Contribution Fund"

of the lodge, and be appropriated exclusively to pay the sick and funeral donations of members and the surgeon, excepting new lodges, which shall be allowed the half of initiation money, for the first six months, towards paying for dispensation, books, &c.

30. That every member shall pay his contribution, which shall not be less than four pence per week clear, to the general contribution fund of the lodge to which he belongs, whether he attend or not, and he shall not be credited with contributions, except on a regular lodge night.

31. That no lodge be allowed to appropriate the general contribution fund of the lodge to any other purposes than assistance in sickness, distress or death.

32. That all lodges establish a fund, to be called the "Incidental Expense Fund," out of which all expense incurred by the lodge shall be paid for conducting its affairs (over and above the amount paid for sick and funeral donations,) together with its proportionate share of District expenses.

SUSPENSIONS.

33. That any member allowing his contribution to exceed the amount of *fourteen weeks'* contribution, or being fined and not paying such fine within *fourteen weeks*, or ordering goods and not paying for them in *fourteen weeks* after delivery, shall be refused *all benefits* until the expiration of *fourteen weeks* from the time he complies. Any member being fined shall be made acquainted with the same in writing within *twelve weeks*, or it shall be null and void. Secretaries of all lodges shall be compelled to read over publicly, every lodge night, the names of all members who will be out of compliance before next lodge night. The N. G. of every lodge is compelled to deduct from every sick member's pay sufficient contributions to keep him good upon the books of the lodge.

34. A member neglecting to discharge his fines or arrears, shall not be allowed to visit his lodge, or obtain the password, until he complies.

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35. If a member be in arrears exceeding the amount of twelve months' contribution, he shall cease to be a member of the Order, but the lodge to which he was last a subscribing member shall be allowed to re-admit him *as a new member*, if they think proper, by his paying the usual admittance fee according to his age. He may be admitted into any other lodge within three miles from his residence, if there be one within that distance, if the lodge which he is anxious to join find upon application to the lodge to which he last belonged that there exists no reasonable objection to his being admitted. *And that such member, on his being re-admitted, shall be in the same position with regard to any office he may have served, as he was at the time he ceased to be a member of the Order.* Any person who has formerly been a member of the Order, joining another lodge without informing them of his having been a member of the Order before, shall be expelled.

LODGE COMMITTEES.

36. That each lodge shall hold a quarterly meeting, to which every member good upon the books shall be summoned. The summonses shall state the amount due by him, and no by-law shall be made, altered or rescinded except at a quarterly or special meeting of the whole lodge. No by-law shall be made, except in conformity with the general laws. Notice of alteration or addition to by-laws shall be given at least two lodge nights previous to being entertained.

37. That on the regular election nights, two or more auditors shall be appointed by the lodge, who shall examine the accounts for the last term. The three principal present and last past officers shall attend the auditors' meeting, and give and receive all necessary information, or fines shall be inflicted the same as on lodge nights.

38. That all summonses shall be signed by the secretary of the lodge. That the N. G. shall do all in his power to suppress disorder, and shall not put any motion to the vote which is contrary to law.

PASS WORDS.

39. That the key of the pass-word shall be kept only with the lecture book of each lodge; and any officer or lodge improperly exposing it shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of his lodge or District may deem proper.

40. That the N. G. shall not give the quarterly pass-word to any member of his lodge, but such as are legally entitled to receive it; nor to any member of another lodge, unless he receive a certificate to that effect, signed by the proper officers of his lodge, and under the lodge seal; and shall enjoin members who receive it not to give it to any one except the outside and inside guardians of the lodges, in legal possession of the same.

41. Any member giving the pass-word to another member without authority, shall be fined five shillings for each offence.

RETURNS.

42. That each lodge shall make a return to the District of the amount of contributions received since last return, setting forth the receipts, expenditure and state of the funds in abstract—the number of members good upon the books, the name of each member initiated, with their age, trade or calling, and the name of each member bad on the books, and forward the same to the District C. S., duly certified by the N. G., on or before the fourteenth day of July, October, January and April; and any lodge breaking this law, or making out an incorrect return, shall be fined ten shillings, without mitigation. All funds not belonging to the Widows and Orphans' fund, over the sum of ten pounds, may be paid into the hands of the District Officers, for profitable investment for the benefit of such lodge, in the purchase of public or bank stock, debentures, or mortgages, in the best possible manner.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

43. There shall be three elective officers, viz:—N. G., V. G. and Secretary, who shall be elected by ballot,

and sit thirteen lodge-nights, exclusive of lecture nights: to be chosen out of their own lodge.

44. Propositions for candidates shall be received on the two lodge-nights previous to the night of election *and no proposition shall be received on the night of election, except all previously nominated for such office refuse to stand.*

45. To qualify a member for the office of N. G. he shall have served the office of V. G. or Secretary thirteen nights, or some *inferior* office thirty-nine nights.

46. That no member shall be allowed to stand his poll for the office of N. G. unless he can read well and answer the fundamental questions of the four degrees. The N. G. shall nominate the warden, conductor, right and left supporters, and outside and inside guardians.

47. To qualify a member for the office of V. G. he shall have served *the office of Seretary for thirteen nights, or some inferior office for twenty-six nights. The V. G.. shall nominate his own supporters.*

48. That any brother be eligible to be elected secretary. Lodges may appoint two or more assistant-secretaries, should they find it necessary to do so.

49. That no paid secretary shall be allowed to count such office as a qualification for any other office; and that lodges shall have power to appoint permanent secretaries, although such persons appointed be members of another lodge.

50. All officers shall take their situation on the election night, except the secretary, assistant-secretary, and warden, who shall take theirs on the lodge night following.

51. The inferior officers are the assistant-secretary, warden, supporter to the N. G. and V. G., inside and outside guardians, and the conductor; who shall be chosen out of their own lodge, except in case of a new lodge.

52. If an elective officer forfeit, vacate, or resign his office, (the resignation being accepted by the lodge) the proposition for the election of another in his stead shall be made on one lodge-night, and the election take place

on the lodge-night following. No person shall be entitled as a past officer, unless he has filled the office to which he was elected three lodge-nights previous to the regular election night.

53. That when a new lodge is opened, any past officer or member of the District, being duly qualified, may become a candidate, and stand his poll to serve any office in such lodge, and may either draw his clearance or remain a member of his own lodge during the time he is filling it, providing there are no qualified members belonging to the new lodge who are willing to take office. But in case there are no candidates to fill the elective offices of new lodges, the District Officers shall have power to make such arrangements as they shall deem necessary.

54. That no P. G., P. N. G., or P. V. G., shall oppose any qualified brother for the same situation, unless he has been out of the said office twelve months; but such past officer may be nominated for such office, provided the election takes place full twelve months after he has been out of such office. Secretaries may be re-elected.

55. That all officers on taking their situations in the lodge after election, be provided with a copy of the charges and duties by the N. G., and that they be perfect in the same in six weeks from that time, under a fine of one shilling and threepence for the P. G., N. G. and V. G., and the inferior officers 7½d. The fines shall be repeated every lodge night. Past Grands are required to see this law strictly enforced.

56. That should an elective officer of a lodge suffer his contributions to exceed the amount of fourteen weeks' contribution, or being fined and not paying such fine in fourteen weeks, or ordering goods and not paying for them in fourteen weeks after delivery, he shall vacate his office, and another be appointed in his stead. P. G's. are required to see this law strictly enforced.

57. That in case a sufficient number of parties are not willing to accept inferior offices, lodges have power to make by-laws to compel members to take office.

58. That every P. N. G. on leaving the N. G's. chair

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shall take the G. M's. chair for the next thirteen nights, and shall be fined for non-attendance the same as elective officers.

59. That the name of no P. G. shall be placed on the dispensation board, until the expiration of his term of office as G. M., and not then, unless he has served the office in a meritorious manner in the same lodge.

60. That if any P. G. be expelled, his name shall be taken off the dispensation board.

LECTURES AND DEGREES.

61. That the Board of Directors shall procure lecture books and supplement, for the instruction and information of members, and that each lodge shall be supplied with a copy of the same.

62. That the lecture book and supplement shall be kept in a box with two locks, in the desk or some safe place; the N. G. shall keep one key, and the G. M. shall keep the other.

63. That no officer or other member shall be allowed to take the lecture book or supplement out of the lodge, under a penalty of £2, which shall be paid into the Widows and Orphans' fund.

64. That any person writing or copying any part of the lecture book or supplement, without the consent of the G. M. and Board of Directors, shall be expelled or suffer such other punishment as a committee may deem necessary.

65. That Districts or lodges shall be allowed to hold their lectures at any time a majority of the members in committee assembled may think proper, but they shall be held at least once a quarter of a year; and that fines shall be inflicted for non-attendance and disorder, the same as on lodge nights.

66. If any member enter a lecture, and give the sign or pass-word to a degree which he has not received legally, he shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of his lodge or District may deem proper.

67. That the lectures and degrees be given by the

N. G. or P. G. and he shall be attended by the G. M., V. G., and Secretary, and that lodges shall have the power to compel the attendance of the inferior officers, to assist in giving such degrees or lectures as they may have received.

68. That it shall be incumbent on the N. G. not to advance a brother another degree, who has been guilty of cursing, swearing or drinking to excess, or who has in any way proved himself unworthy of the degrees he has already taken.

69. That no lecture shall be held except in a regular lodge or committee room, and on a lecture night.

70. That any member may receive the white degree on the first lecture night after he has paid the whole of his initiation money; he may receive the blue degree in three months after he has received the white, and the remaining degrees in the same rotation, provided he give notice to the lodge on a regular lodge-night; but in all cases he shall be able to give the signs and pass-words of the degree or degrees he has already taken, or otherwise he will not be entitled to receive another degree until he can do so.

71. That no lecture shall be delivered in any lodge, except those in the general lecture books. Any member violating this law shall be fined twenty shillings, which shall be paid into the Widows and Orphans' fund.

CLEARANCES AND TRAVELLING CERTIFICATES.

72. That printed forms of clearances and travelling certificates shall be provided, and that no clearance or certificate shall be legal unless upon the form issued by the board of directors.

73. That no member shall be entitled to his clearance until twelve months after his initiation. The N. G. and Secretary shall sign all clearances, affix the lodge seal thereon, and see that they are properly filled up, or be answerable for those whom they may authorize to do so for them, and the N. G. shall give the adopted travelling pass word to each member receiving a certificate.

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74. That when a member has drawn a clearance, he shall throw it into his own or any other lodge within twenty-eight days from the day it was granted. If he neglect to lodge his clearance within the time specified, he shall return the same to his own lodge within the space of four weeks after the expiration of the time allowed as above, or be fined two shillings and sixpence, and pay his contribution from the time it was granted; and should a member neglect to return such clearance within six months from the date it was granted, he shall cease to be a member; and if he returns the same between the expiration of the four weeks after the time allowed as above and six months from the date of its being granted, he shall pay full contributions from the time it was granted, and be suspended for fourteen weeks from the time the clearance is returned. No clearance to be granted except on regular lodge-nights.

75. That when a member has lodged his clearance, he shall not be allowed to draw another for the space of six months; but should he require a certificate, he shall be legally entitled to one; and any lodge accepting a member without a clearance properly filled up, shall be fined 25s., which shall go to the Widows and Orphans' fund.

76. That when a member is desirous of travelling, the lodge to which he belongs may grant him a certificate, signed by the N. G. and Secretary, and bearing the lodge seal. Members holding travelling certificates shall pay contribution to their lodges and be subject to the suspension laws, the same as if they did not hold a recommendatory certificate.

77. That should a brother fall sick when on travel, he shall procure a certificate from a medical practitioner, or from a minister of the place where such sickness occurs, and forward it to his lodge, through the medium of the N. G. of some neighbouring lodge, (if any) who shall see his sick allowance paid, provided his certificate is not above three months old, which shall be refunded by the lodge to which such member belongs. If there is no lodge in the immediate neighborhood, the certifi-

cate *shall* be sent direct to his lodge, and be considered satisfactory, and his sick pay shall be forwarded in the best manner possible.

78. That should a member die while on travel, the lodge in or near where the death occurred, shall, on receipt of a certificate signed by a Magistrate or Clergyman, advance the funeral donation as stated on the member's certificate, which shall be refunded by the lodge to which he belonged.

79. That any *Member of this Order* throwing his clearance into a lodge, shall become a full member immediately, on payment of two shillings and sixpence, *but the lodge he has left shall be liable for his sick pay, should he require any for six months from the date of his clearance. He shall not be entitled to another clearance until full six months from the date of the last, but he may get a travelling certificate.* And that members of lodges not belonging to the Canadian Order, and holding a reciprocal connexion, will be admitted by clearance by paying the following, viz. :

Members under 25 years.... 5s. 0d. currency.

" " 30 " 7s. 6d. "

" " 35 " 10s. 0d. "

" " 40 " 15s. 0d. "

" 40 years and upwards, 1s. 3d. for every additional year.

All lodges granting such clearances, to be subject for twelve months' sick pay and funeral money.

80. That lodges shall have power to refuse a member presenting a clearance, when such member or his wife (if any) is in an unsound state of health, and the lodge from which the card was drawn shall be compelled again to receive such member.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS.

81. That all lodges composing this order shall adopt one of the following scales of contribution and pay viz :

4d. per week contribution....	10s. 0d. sick pay
4½d. "	11s. 3d. do
5d. "	12s. 6d. do

This amount must be clear of the Widows and Orphans' and Incidental Expense Fund contributions, and no member shall be entitled to the benefits of this fund until six calendar months after his initiation, and be in conformity with the 33d law.

82. That no member shall be allowed the sick gift whose sickness or disability has been brought on by intemperance or immoral conduct. And when a brother has been chargeable upon the books of the lodge for the space of twelve months he shall be relieved from the funds of the Order in such a manner, and to such an amount as the Board of Directors may determine; *no sick gift shall be allowed if sickness be less than one week.*

83. That if any member remove to some distant part, without having a clearance out of his lodge, and cause to be paid into his own or any other lodge all monies due to his lodge during his absence, he shall be entitled to the donations of his lodge in case of sickness or distress, as if residing in the neighborhood of his own lodge, provided he send an account of such sickness or distress to his said lodge certified by the N. G. of the nearest lodge to the place where he then is, (if there be a lodge in the neighborhood in strict compliance,) or by some respectable medical practitioner, or minister, stating his complaint or distress. Any lodge receiving the contributions of any brother of another lodge, shall give the lodge to which such brother belongs notice of the same within two months from the date of the first payment, or be fined five shillings, the fine to be paid into the lodge to which such brother belongs. And any lodge paying sick or any other allowance to a member of a distant lodge, who may happen to reside in its neighborhood, shall be repaid the same by the lodge to which such brother belongs within two months after demand being made, or be fined five shillings. The money to be sent direct to the lodge. Should a member fall sick at a distance from his own lodge, and in the vicinity of another lodge, the surgeon of such lodge if called upon shall attend the said brother, and the lodge

such brother belongs to shall pay the surgeon the sum of ten shillings for each brother so attended.

84. That every lodge shall appoint a visiting committee, one of whom shall visit a sick brother at least twice a week, provided he reside within two miles of the lodge. Visiting committees shall commence their visits within twenty-four hours after the sick brother has notified the N. G. or Secretary of the lodge. Any lodge breaking this law shall be fined five shillings, which shall go to the Widows and Orphans' funds.

85. That no lodge be allowed to pass a by-law declaring that the funds of the lodge be closed against members in distress, but that the power be left with the members for the time being.

86. Any member in the receipt of gifts of the lodge, who may be found to be imposing thereon, by stating himself sick, and incapable of following his employment, usual avocation, trade, or calling, when he is able or actually doing so, shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of the lodge may think fit; and any member in receipt of the gifts getting drunk, shall, for the first offence, return one week's sick gift, and pay a fine of five shillings; for the second offence, be suspended for three months; and for the third be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of the lodge may think proper.

FUNERAL FUND.

87. That the Funeral Fund shall be a general fund of the Order; all lodges shall be compelled to join, and it shall be raised in the following manner: That a levy be made upon the funds of each lodge in the unity, according to the number of members good upon the books, from the quarterly returns to the district (see 42d law). The funeral donation shall be, for a member £10, for a member's wife £5. The Secretary of each Lodge shall, within ten days of a death, send application to the District C. S., the same to be forwarded to the C. S. of the Order, to enable him to levy upon the Order for deaths during the past quarter.

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88. That all members shall be entitled to the Funeral donation in six calendar months after they have paid up the whole of their initiation money, and in compliance with 33d law.

89. That in the event of a death, the lodge of which the deceased was a member, shall pay the Funeral donations to the Husband, Widow, or other authorised representative of the deceased, (as the case may be), within twenty-four hours after the decease, unless the officers consider the claimant not a proper person to conduct the interment; in such case the officers of the lodge (for the time being, of which the deceased was a member), shall conduct the funeral and keep a correct account of the expenses, which shall be decent and moderate, and the surplus, if any, shall be disposed of as the officers may think fit.

90. That when a member or his wife die at a distance, the Husband, Widow, Administrator, or Assignees, shall bring or send to the N. G. of the lodge of which he was a member a proper certificate, signed and sealed by the N. G. of some neighboring lodge; but if there be none within three miles, then the certificate shall be signed by a clergyman, or any Justice of Peace in the town or place—the receipt of which shall be sufficient authority for the officers to pay the several donations, after ascertaining if he be good on the books of the lodge. (See form No. 7.)

91. That it be optional with lodges whether they read the funeral service at the grave of deceased members or not; the elective officers of the lodge of which the deceased brother was a member shall conduct the funeral procession; the brothers of the said lodge shall walk foremost, followed by the other lodges according to their seniority in the District.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

92. That the Widows and Orphans' Fund be a General Fund of the Order, and shall be raised in the following manner: each member in the order shall be charged at the rate of one penny per week from his con-

tribution, according to the quarterly return; that each married brother having a family shall pay 2s. 6d. entry money, and 1s. 3d. for each child under fourteen years of age; married brothers having no family, shall pay 2s. 6d. entry money.

93. That every member shall contribute to this fund six calendar months from the date of his wife's registration, before his family can receive any benefit from it.

94. That should any single brother marry after his initiation into any lodge in this Order, he shall, to entitle him to the benefit of this fund, give notice, and pay his wife's entry money, 2s. 6d.

95. That this fund be governed by the Board of Directors for the time being.

96. That a Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Moveable Committee of the Order, to hold office for one year, and may be re-elected, and that all monies shall be placed in the Savings Bank in the name of the Order, and shall be withdrawn on the signatures of the G. M. C. S., and the Treasurer for the time being, and the seal of the Order attached to the check.

97. That it shall be held imperative that each and every member in every lodge in the Order shall be bound to contribute to this fund.

98. That all lodges in the Order shall appoint a Visiting Committee, to consist of not less than three members, whose duty it shall be to visit the Widows and Orphans belonging to the lodge, and pay them their allotted aliment—the amount of such aliment so paid to be deducted from the next quarterly account due by the lodge to the District; but no lodge or committee shall be empowered to grant any particular sum of money to any Widow or Orphan, in lieu of aliment, without the consent of the Board of Directors being first obtained.

99. That each lodge shall keep a book for the purpose of registering members' families, and such registration shall be sufficient to entitle a member to the benefit of the funds; and each lodge shall furnish a correct account of the same, with the quarterly returns. The District C. S. shall keep a book, in which he shall enter

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all members liable to this fund ; and keep a fair and impartial account, which shall be audited by the auditors, along with the district accounts.

100. That any Widow who can show to the district committee a reasonable ground for believing that the immediate possession of a sum of money will be of more benefit to her than receiving a weekly stipend, it shall be in the power of the committee to commute her claim, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors ; the children's claim not to be commuted while the parent remains in the Colony.

101. That every widow shall receive two shillings and sixpence per week, and each child under fourteen years of age, one shilling and three pence per week, from this fund ; the payment to the widow should she marry again, shall cease ; the children nevertheless shall receive their weekly allowance, until they are fourteen years old ; but should the children be bereft of both parents, then it shall be the duty of the lodge (of which their father was a member) to take charge of such Orphans, and to take special care that they be well attended, as regards their moral comfort and cleanliness, and also that they have a plain, good education ; and when fit for employment, it shall be the duty of such committee to provide them masters and mistresses, and otherwise to watch over their welfare.

And that a sum not exceeding 5s. per week, if found necessary to pay for the maintenance of each and every child who is bereft of both parents shall be paid by the Lodge of which their father was a member ; and that the amount of such sum shall be charged to the district to be levied on Lodges in the same manner as for Funeral.

102. That any unmarried brother dying and leaving a widowed mother or father who has depended on his labor and industry when living, such mother or father shall receive the same allowance as the widow of a deceased brother, provided he shall have paid the registration fee of such father or mother, according to the manner prescribed for wives and children.

103. That all fines imposed by the foregoing laws shall be paid into the Widows and Orphans' fund; and fines inflicted on officers and members shall be charged to the lodge to which they are contributing members.

104. That all fines imposed under the General Laws and appropriated to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, shall only be rescinded on appeal to the District Committee or the Board of Directors.

DISPUTES AND APPEALS.

105. That lodges shall have power to form committees to try minor offences, immediately after the commission of such offence, when the penalty does not exceed twenty-five shillings; such committee shall consist of not less than eight members, together with the N. G., who shall preside, and shall be chosen in the following manner, viz: the name or number of each member shall be placed in the balloting box, and the first eight names or numbers drawn residing within three miles shall form the committee, each party having power to object to four members—five to form a quorum; and that any member being regularly elected on such committee, and being notified at least 24 hours before the time of meeting, and not attending within half an hour of the time appointed, shall be fined two shillings and sixpence for such neglect, unless he send a written excuse, satisfactory to a majority of the committee present.

106. That when a dispute or other matter of a serious nature is brought before a lodge, which is likely to subject the party or parties concerned to a greater penalty than twenty-five shillings, it shall be referred to a committee of the whole lodge, to which every member good on the books shall be summoned, if he reside within three miles of the lodge; the summonses shall express the business to be brought forward, and no other business shall be transacted by such committee but that specified. The party or parties complained against shall in all cases where a committee of the whole lodge is called be furnished with a copy of the charge at least twelve days before the case is heard, and the names of

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witnesses shall be taken at the time, and no other shall be heard at any subsequent hearing of the case; or, if any case be referred back to the lodge by the district, no additional evidence shall be heard from either party.

107. That if any member prefer a charge against another member, and the same be brought before a committee and proved to be false, he shall for every offence be fined seven shillings and six pence; and if he continues to prefer such charge against the same member, and it still be proved false, he shall for the second offence be fined ten shillings; and for the third be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee may deem proper.

108. That should a dispute arise between members of different lodges in the same district, it shall be referred to a quarterly committee; summoned to attend, and be furnished with a copy of such charge at least fourteen days before the case is heard; and no evidence shall be received at any subsequent hearing of the committee.

109. That when a charge is brought by a lodge, officer, or brother, against any lodge, officer, or brother of another district, then the case shall be tried before a quarterly committee of the district to which the aggressor belongs; and if a fine be inflicted on either party, the fine shall go to the Widows and Orphans' Fund. That in all cases where a charge is preferred by a lodge or member against another lodge or member, the same shall be made in writing, and shall state the time and place, and when and where the offence was committed.

110. In all cases of appeal, the decision appealed against shall be inserted in full in the report of the committee where the case is heard, and the reason assigned for such conclusion being come to, and read afterwards to the parties concerned in the same; such decision to be printed with the quarterly or other regular report.

111. That any party aggrieved at the decisions of a committee of his lodge may appeal to a committee of the district, within six months after the resolution

appealed against was passed, and if dissatisfied with the decision of the district, may appeal to the Board of Directors.

112. That in all cases of appeal, sufficient notice must be given, that the district, lodges, or parties concerned, may be summoned at least twelve days previous to the re-hearing of the case.

113. That in all cases of appeal, the decision appealed against must be complied with before such appeal can be heard; but in cases where money matters are concerned, the lodge or member shall be considered as having complied if they deposit the amount in the hands of the district officers or the Board of Directors.

EXPULSIONS.

114. If any member make known the secrets of the Order he shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of his lodge may think proper to inflict.

115. If any member damage, destroy, detain or take away the regalia, money, or other property belonging to the lodge or district, he shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of the lodge or district may deem necessary, and he shall not be reinstated until the whole be made good.

116. That if any member be convicted of felony by a jury of his countrymen, he shall be expelled the Order.

117. That if any member be guilty of fraud, or any other disgraceful *conduct*, or follow any evil, wicked, or notorious practice, contrary to law, or use any unlawful means in procuring a livelihood, or become a habitual drunkard, or be seen repeatedly in a state of intoxication, if proof be made thereof, he shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a committee of the lodge or district may think fit.

118. That any member slandering another, designing, printing, or publishing, or by any means circulating any article or document, so as to bring another brother into contempt, shall, on proof thereof, be expelled, or suffer

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119. That if any member be expelled, the N. G. of the lodge shall send notice to the District C. S., who shall cause it to be made known to every lodge in the District, and inserted in the A. M. C.'s Report.

That before any member is expelled, (except in case of conviction of felony,) the N. G. shall call a committee of the lodge, to which every member of the lodge who resides within three miles shall be summoned, (the summons shall state the nature of the business to be brought forward); and the member charged with the commission of an offence shall be furnished with a copy of the charge at least fourteen days before the time appointed for hearing:

That the names of all witnesses shall be taken at the time the case is tried, and none other shall be heard on any subsequent hearing of the case:

That any member having committed an *offence* which subjects him to expulsion, not appearing before a committee of the lodge to answer for his conduct within one month after the commission of the *offence* is made known to the lodge, he having been duly summoned, he shall be proceeded against in the same manner as if he were present; and should there be no possibility of summoning him, he shall be proceeded with in one month after the commission of such *offence* in the same manner as if he were present.

120. That when a member is suspended or expelled, and shall appeal and establish his innocence, he shall, in case he falls sick between the time of his suspension or expulsion and such appeal, be entitled to his sick allowance; *and during the time of such suspension, or if expelled and such expulsion should be removed by appeal, he shall pay his usual contribution to the lodge;* and any member being suspended or expelled, and dying between the time of such suspension or expulsion and the hearing of his appeal (he having given notice of appeal,) and his innocence be proved to the satisfaction

of the next District Committee, his widow or other legal representative shall be entitled to his funeral donation.

121. That any lodge admitting expelled, suspended, or illegal persons, or in any way giving them countenance or aid, by lending or allowing them the use of any regalia or lodge property, such lodge shall, from the time of committing such acts, become suspended from all benefits and privileges of the Order, until they shall satisfy the Committee of the District; and if such practices be persisted in or repeated after notice being given them of the illegality of such proceedings, they shall be expelled the Order.

122. That the name of no expelled member be inserted in the reports of the Order until he has had an opportunity of appealing to a Committee of the District.

123. That no member who has been expelled by his lodge shall be reinstated without the consent of a Committee of the District, under a penalty of £2 10s., which shall be paid into the Widows and Orphans' fund.

124. That any brother who shall at any time make use of the name or influence of the institution for any purpose not strictly belonging to the Order, without the sanction of the District Officers, shall be subject to expulsion, or such punishment as the Board of Directors may determine.

DISTRICTS.

125. That all lodges shall belong to the District by which they are opened, and shall not be allowed to leave that or any other District to which they may afterwards belong without the consent of an Annual Committee. They shall pay all just debts due by them to the District which they are about to leave, and shall forfeit all claims on the District fund.

126. That the boundary of each District shall not extend beyond half the distance from the market city or town from which it takes its name, and that of the neighboring District; and a District Committee granting a Dispensation to open a new lodge, or giving liberty to

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remove an old one nearer to a town, centre of a village, or place from which another District takes its name, without the consent of such District, shall be fined the sum of five pounds; which fine shall go to the Widows and Orphans' fund.

127. That on the formation of a new District, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Committee of P. G's, to see the District accounts paid, call a meeting of the Deputies to elect officers, and open said new District.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

128. That it be discretionary with Districts how often they hold their committees, but shall be compelled to hold an Annual Committee between the first and fifteenth days of April inclusive in each year, and that fines shall be imposed at District Committees the same as in open Lodge.

129. That each lodge *having forty members or less good upon the books*, shall send a deputy, and be entitled to send one extra deputy for every extra forty members good upon the books, according to the last return to the D. C. S.; they shall be chosen out of the past or present elective officers, and no deputy shall sit on such committee unless he has been regularly appointed by his lodge, and be a subscribing member, (but in cases of emergency, the Noble Grand shall have power to appoint any qualified officer, subject to the approval of the quarterly committee,) except in the case of a new lodge, when any of the elective officers may be appointed, though not subscribing members of such lodge, provided there be none of their own qualified; and that Districts have the power to determine where they shall hold their committees, and whether they make the attendance of deputies compulsory or not.

130. That every motion which comes before a District Committee shall be stated in writing previous to its being put to the vote, and the resolutions carried shall be kept by the District Officers, and they shall not put any motion to the vote which is contrary to law.

131. That all are bound to abide by the decisions of

District Committees; but if any measure has been adopted contrary to their wishes, they may appeal to the Board of Directors.

132. That any member improperly reflecting on the decisions of a Committee of the District, so as to bring it into contempt or ridicule, shall be fined for the first offence, five shillings; for the second, ten shillings; and for the third shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a Committee of the District may deem sufficient.

133. That all lodges shall join in the necessary and incidental expenses of the District, according to their number of members.

134. That the District Committee shall not have the power of voting or paying away money for any other purpose than for the necessary and incidental expenses of the District, except to lodges or members in distress, applications or petitions from lodges.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

135. That Districts shall elect three Officers by ballot, viz:—G. M., D. G. M., and C. S., at each annual Committee of the District, out of Past Grands who have taken the Purple Degree. They shall be nominated by any lodge in the District, and the name sent to the District C. S. on or before the first day of February, and circulated in all the lodges at least two months previous to the A. D. C. being held.

That in case of removal, resignation or death, the vacancy can be filled without notice.

136. That in case any of the parties so nominated be absent on the day of election, they shall be allowed to stand their poll, providing they signify in writing their intention to accept the office if elected.

137. That no G. M. or D. G. M. shall be allowed to stand his poll for re-election, or no G. M. for D. G. M., until he shall have been out of office at least twelve months. C. S. shall be eligible for re-election.

138. That any District Officer subjecting himself to the 33d general law shall vacate his office, and the

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District Officers shall have power to appoint a substitute in his place from qualified P. G's, until another be elected in his stead; and he shall not be eligible for re-election until the next annual committee of the District is held.

139. That District Officers shall see that all signs, charges, and makings, are alike, and shall have power to examine the books of any lodge in their District, and see that the laws of the Order are duly observed; and if any lodge persist in acting contrary to law, they shall have power to bring them before a Committee of the District.

140. That no District Officer shall be allowed to vote at any District Committee, unless the votes be equal, in which case the presiding officer shall give the casting vote.

141. That if a lodge refuse or fail to comply with the resolution of the District Committee, the District Officers shall warn them of the same, and if they still persist in not complying, any two of the District Officers being present shall have power to suspend such lodge until the next District Committee is held.

That lodges requiring the attendance of the District Officers shall pay their reasonable expenses.

DISTRICT C. S.

142. That the C. S. of the District, immediately after his appointment to office, shall send his address to the C. S. of the Order.

143. That all communications from or to the G. M. and Board of Directors, shall pass through the hands of the C. S. of the District; and that whatever information the C. S. may receive for his District, he shall cause the same to be forwarded to the respective lodges, and the District shall be empowered to make a regulation in order to carry the same into effect.

144. That the C. S. shall furnish each lodge with an account of its arrears, fines, &c., quarterly; and such accounts shall be paid on or before the fourteenth day of March, June, September and December in each year.

Lodges neglecting payment shall not be allowed the pass word, reports, or other communications, unless they satisfy the District Officers, or a Committee of the District, why such account has not been paid.

145. That three Auditors shall be appointed by the District Committee, at the annual meeting, from the lodges in the locality where the C. S. resides, who shall examine the books of the C. S., after being prepared by him; and that such books shall be ready by the last day of April, July, October and January, respectively. The Auditors shall examine said books, and prepare a balance sheet to lay before the Annual Committee at the meeting in May, or be subject to a fine of two shillings and sixpence each. Each Auditor to be allowed two shillings and six pence for every meeting when business is actually transacted.

146. That an abstract of the business to be brought before any meeting of the District, be prepared by the C. S., and handed to the G. M. at or before the time of meeting.

147. That if the C. S. do not comply with the two foregoing laws, he shall be fined ten shillings; and that no part of his salary be paid until his accounts are satisfactorily approved of, and passed at the District half-yearly committee.

148. That the C. S. shall give security to the District to the amount of one hundred pounds, for any monies he may from time to time be entrusted with.

149. That a balance-sheet of the receipts and disbursements of the preceding twelve months may be prepared by the C. S., previous to the Grand Annual Committee in each year, and circulated in the various lodges in the District within twenty-eight days thereafter; each lodge to be supplied with a sufficient number for a copy for every three members good upon the books.

150. The C. S. shall also notify all lodges in the District at least four weeks before any yearly or special meetings of the time and place of such meeting, or be fined 5s. for each lodge so neglected.

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151. That the C. S. shall keep an order book, in which he shall enter all orders received, which must be signed by the N. G. of the lodge from which they were sent, or they will not be attended to. Goods, when ordered, are not returnable to the C. S. He shall also have a book in which copies of all letters to the Board of Directors, and all other correspondence shall be inserted,—such letters or correspondence to be read before any other business is transacted at yearly committees, if required.

152. That the District G. M., or in his absence the D. D. G. M., be empowered to bring the C. S. to account, and shall have free access to his books and papers at any time; and should he refuse to obey his or their reasonable commands, he shall suffer such penalty as a majority of the next Annual Committee may think proper to inflict.

DISTRICT RETURNS.

153. That the C. S. of each District shall, on or before the twentieth day of February, May, August and November of each year, transmit to the C. S. of the Order an abstract of the returns received by him from the Lodges, as per annexed schedule No. 2.

154. That the G. M. of each District in the Unity shall, up to the first day of April in each year, make, or cause to be made, a return of each lodge in his District, stating where it is held and what number of members it contains. Any District neglecting to send their returns to the C. S. of the Order on or before the twentieth day of February, May, August and November, in each year, shall be fined £1.

DISTRICT DISPUTES.

155. That should a dispute arise between separate Districts, which they cannot mutually settle between themselves, either by arbitration or otherwise, they may refer to the G. M. and Board of Directors, whose decision shall be final.

PURPLE DEGREE.

156. That a Lecture shall be held after each District Committee, to be called a Purple Lecture, at which degrees shall be given to Past Grands who are duly entitled to receive them; and that a qualified P. G. may be appointed in any lodge, to give the Purple and Past Officers' Degrees, and return a copy of such degrees taken to the C. S. of the District.

157. In order to qualify an officer to take this degree, he must have regularly passed through the office of N. G., filled the office of G. M. of his lodge for thirteen lodge-nights, taken the four inferior degrees, together with the degree attached to the office of N. G., which must be taken at least three months before he receives this degree, and be good on the books of his lodge. He shall be proposed and seconded in open lodge by past officers, and if his lodge on the next lodge-night declare him worthy, the presiding officer must sign a certificate to that effect, which must be delivered to the C. S. of the District.

158. That the past N. G's, past V. G's, and past Secretaries, be not allowed to take the degrees attached to their offices without being proposed during lodge business one lodge-night, and being confirmed by the members the next; at which time, should a majority then present declare them worthy, the N. G. and Secretary shall sign a certificate to that effect; any person filling one up, or signing one illegally, shall be fined twenty shillings.

159. That the Purple Degree, and the degree of past officers, be not given unless the certificate is properly filled up, signed and sealed, and bearing date within fourteen weeks of the time of the lecture being given.

160. That the signs and pass-words of a P. P. G. M. be not given unless he procure a certificate from a District Committee, and sealed by the District Officers, stating that he has served the office in a meritorious manner.

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MEDALS, SASHES AND APRONS.

161. That the colour of sashes and ribbons for suspending medals and trimming aprons, shall be as follows, viz:—past and present officers of the Order or District, *purple*. And that the officers of Lodges wear the following sashes:—G. M. (not having taken the purple degree), *scarlet*; N. G., *scarlet*; past and present V. G., *pink*; past and present Secretaries, *plaid*; and brothers, *sky blue*. It shall not be imperative upon lodges to wear regalia, but all regalia worn shall be uniform.

162. No decoration shall be worn in any lodge as appertaining to the Order, except the brother be strictly entitled thereto.

POSTAGE.

163. That the postage or freight of all correspondence, parcels, &c., sent or received by lodges from District Officers, or officers of the Order, shall invariably be paid by lodges.

DISPENSATIONS.

164. That the Board of Directors shall procure and issue Dispensations for the opening of lodges, which shall contain the usual forms established by the Order.

165. That any party wishing to open a new lodge, shall cause it to be made known to a lodge in the District, which lodge shall, if they think proper to apply for a Dispensation, give notice thereof to the District Officers, and make it known in writing to the lodges in the immediate neighborhood of the intended new lodge; and if it should be proved that it would be injurious to open such new lodge, the Dispensation shall not be granted.

166. That no Dispensation shall be granted to open a lodge, without the consent of the officers of the District, and sanctioned by the G. M. and Board of Directors, which shall be dated at the time of opening the lodge, and numbered as they pass in rotation. The lodge applying for such Dispensation shall give the new lodge a name, which shall differ from the name given to any

other lodge in the District. And should the name appear objectionable to the G. M. and Board of Directors, they shall have power to reject the same.

167. All applications made to the G. M. and Board of Directors for Dispensations for new lodges, must be sent so as to be received by them at least fourteen days before the time specified for opening them, and be in strict conformity with schedules 6 and 7, or they cannot be attended to. All applications must have the District seal attached to the same.

168. That all Dispensations, frame and box for new lodge, shall be sent from the Board of Directors, in order that they may be all alike.

169. That all Dispensations shall have the signatures attached to the same of those of the three principal officers of the Order, the three principal District Officers, and the three past officers of the District from which the Dispensation was granted; the names of the last named officers shall be fixed on by the committee granting the Dispensation; but in cases where the Districts do not forward such names, they shall be supplied by the last past officers of the Order.

170. That no lodge shall be allowed to be held at any house where there is another secret society which holds its meetings on the same night.

171. That when the Directors receive an application to open a lodge at a distance from the place where the application is made, they may be empowered to make such arrangements as they may deem necessary, in the qualification of parties to take office in the new lodge.

172. That no Dispensation be granted to open a new lodge, unless there are ten candidates to be initiated; the name, age, trade or calling, and residence, together with the sum of five pounds, to be deposited in the hands of the District Officers, who shall inspect, or cause to be inspected, the intended lodge-room, and report as to its fitness, &c., to the committee granting the same. (See form No. 6.) No lodge to be opened in a tavern, when a private room at a reasonable rent can be obtained.

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OFFICERS OF THE ORDER.

173. That there shall be three Officers of the Order appointed at the A. M. C., who have taken the Purple Degree *previous to being nominated for such office*, viz: G. M., D. G. M., and C. S. Any District in the Unity shall be at liberty to nominate candidates to fill such office, and the names of all candidates to be published in the reports and polled for, whether present or not.

174. That a Treasurer shall be elected at each A. M. C., who shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of the Board, if he has taken the Purple Degree.

175. That any past G. M. or past D. G. M. of the Order, who has been out of office more than twelve calendar months, shall be eligible to stand his poll for re-election; and that no G. M. be allowed to take the D. G. M's chair for twelve months after leaving the G. M's chair.

176. That the G. M. of the Order shall preside at all meetings where his attendance may be required. All disputes of the Order in general, if not settled to mutual satisfaction, after having been heard before a quarterly committee of the District, shall be under the cognizance of this officer, whose summonses shall be attended to, and whose decision, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

177. That the G. M., D. G. M., or C. S. of the Order, shall be allowed his or their reasonable expenses by the District or lodge at any time requiring his or their attendance.

178. That if the G. M., D. G. M., or C. S. of the Order, cannot attend when called upon, the foregoing law to be equally binding in favor of any other officer they may appoint.

179. That the D. G. M. of the Order shall act in conjunction with the G. M., and officiate for him during his absence.

180. That the G. M., D. G. M., and C. S. of the Order, shall act in conjunction with the Board of Directors.

C. S. OF THE ORDER.

181. That the C. S. of the Order shall superintend the forwarding of goods; have the charge and custody of the books and the stock of goods; receive all parcels, letters and other correspondence on account of the Order; and place all correspondence to and from Districts, before the G. M. and Board of Directors. He shall answer all communications, and pay all accounts. The C. S. shall not furnish goods to, or reply to the correspondence of any person other than through the medium of the C. S. of the District, except he refuse or neglect; then the C. S. of the Order shall reply to the correspondence, and furnish goods to the G. M. of the District, should he apply; and that his salary shall be fixed by the A. M. C.

182. That all monies received by the C. S. shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer within one week after receiving the same; he shall pay no account without an order from the G. M. and Board of Directors, and shall produce the Treasurer's receipt at all meetings of the Board.

183. That the C. S. shall give £100 security for the money and property entrusted to his care, which shall be satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

AUDITORS OF THE ORDER.

184. That three Auditors shall be appointed by the District Committee, at their first regular meeting after the A. M. C., from the District where the Board holds its meetings, whose duty it shall be to examine the accounts of the Order quarterly, and produce at the Annual Committee a full statement of affairs for the past twelve months, setting forth at length the receipts, disbursements, goods, &c., received and sold, and the stock on hand, and who shall be paid from the funds of the Order.

185. If an Auditor appointed in conformity with this law cannot attend, the District to which he belongs shall appoint another in his stead.

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ACCOUNTS OF THE ORDER.

186. That the books and accounts of the Order be balanced up to the first day of May in each year, and that the auditors appointed to examine the same shall be called in on the fifteenth day following.

187. That the C. S. of the Order shall forward to each District their account with the Board quarterly, which shall be paid by such Districts in three months from the issuing of such accounts; otherwise all goods, reports and pass-words, shall be withheld until they have complied.

188. That Districts shall settle their accounts with the Board of Directors up to *within twenty-one days from the 1st of January, April, July and October*, or be fined *one* pound; which fine shall be paid into the general fund, and a list of such Districts, together with the sums owing by them, shall be circulated in the quarterly reports.

189. That no District shall be allowed to send a delegate to the A. M. C., whose account is not paid up to the period last mentioned, unless a satisfactory reason is given why it has not been paid.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

190. That there shall be chosen out of the District where the officers of the Order reside, a Board of Directors, to consist of the G. M., D. G. M. and C. S., together with five persons who have taken the Purple Degree, and to be polled for at the A. M. C., whether present or not; and that the Directors examine the cash account for the last quarter, compare the Treasurer's account with that kept by the C. S., and that they have power to examine any of the books or papers connected with the Order—five to form a quorum. That the whole of the Directors retire annually, and be eligible for re-election. The last P. G. M. to be *ex-officio* a member of the Board.

191. That should any of the parties so elected neglect to attend the meetings, or be found incompetent to act,

then the person next in number on the poll list shall be called in to fill up the *vacancy*.

192. That any District in the Unity be allowed to send a deputy, who has taken the Purple Degree previous to election, to form one of the Board of Directors at the quarterly meeting of the Board, who shall be allowed the same privilege at the meeting as those elected by the A. M. C., on producing a certificate with the District seal attached. Districts sending a deputy to pay his expenses.

193. That the Board of Directors shall meet quarterly for the hearing of appeals, and to transact all the financial business of the past quarter, and that all accounts be settled at such quarterly meetings; and that it be discretionary with the officers of the Order to convene a meeting of the Directors whenever it shall, in their opinion, be necessary to do so for the transaction of business relating to the Order. *They shall issue a Quarterly Report, on the first days of February, May, August and November, in each year.*

194. That the Board of Directors shall send the pass-word quarterly for the admission of members, and the pass-word yearly for the use of members drawing certificates, and of those connected with issuing and examining the same.

195. That the Board of Directors shall issue a report annually to each lodge, with a balance sheet containing the items of income and expenditure during the previous year, together with the sum to which the fund amounts, the Obituary, List of Lodges, and Nights of Meeting; and members to be at liberty to purchase the same.

196. List of Goods sold at the Board Room:—

Lecture Books and Supplement,
P. G's Certificates,
P. O's Certificates,
Clearances,
Travelling Certificates,
District and Lodge Seals,

General Laws,
List of Lodges,
Emblems,
Dispensations,
Charges and Duties,
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All other articles required by lodges or Districts may be purchased in such manner and at such places as they

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may deem advisable. The above goods to be sold by the G. M. and Board of Directors, and that each District pay the carriage of all goods required by them.

197. That a levy be made throughout the Order, at so much per member, according to the quarterly returns from the District, and be at the disposal of the G. M. and Board of Directors, for defraying the necessary expenses and carrying on the government of the Order; such funds to be placed in the Bank, in the name of the Board, and shall not be withdrawn, unless so ordered at a regular meeting of the Board; the cheque to be countersigned by the G. M. and D. G. M. of the Order.

198. That the G. M., D. G. M., C. S., and Board of Directors shall be entitled to a copy of all printed documents that are published for general circulation.

ANNUAL MOVEABLE COMMITTEE.

199. That there shall be held annually a General Committee, composed of past officers who have received the Purple Degree, from the various Districts in strict compliance.

200. That the A. M. C. commence its sittings on the third Wednesday in June in each year, at nine o'clock in the morning. The certificates from the various Districts to be sent to the C. S. of the Order at least one week before the A. M. C., if practicable; after which the names shall be called over, and the Committee opened for the transaction of business. That no P. G. be allowed to stand his poll as deputy to the A. M. C., unless he has taken the Purple Degree prior to his nomination for election. That all Districts be represented at the A. M. C. according to the number of members; each District to have the privilege of sending one member, and every District having two hundred members, two deputies, and for every additional hundred members, one deputy. Each District shall pay the expenses of their own deputies.

201. That the Auditors' Report shall be read immediately after the names are called over, and a copy of the balance-sheet presented to each deputy. That after

the Auditors' Report has been read, a committee of three persons shall be appointed to examine the proceedings of the Board of Directors, with power to call for all books, papers and persons, who shall report thereon to the A. M. C.

202. That any lodge wishing to alter any existing law, or introduce a new one, shall submit the same to a Committee of the District, and if agreed to, notice thereof shall be sent to the C. S. of the Order, on or before the first day of March in each year, who shall cause the same to be circulated in the reports issued in May—otherwise they shall not be taken into consideration by the A. M. C. In all cases where the District wishes to alter an existing law, they shall propose a new law in full, as a substitute for the one they wish to alter. When the Directors find two or more propositions in conformity with each other, one only shall be inserted.

203. That all applications for new Districts, and applications from lodges for permission to join other Districts, shall be inserted in the May reports, or the same shall not be submitted to the A. M. C.

204. That the quarterly reports and the resolutions of the A. M. C. shall be read in the lodges on the first lodge night after having received the same. *Lodges neglecting to do so to be fined two shillings and sixpence for each offence*, to be paid to the Widows and Orphans' fund.

205. That all applications to the A. M. C. for relief, shall have the approbation of a Committee of the District; and all such applications to be forwarded to the C. S. of the Order, at least fourteen days previous to the A. M. C.

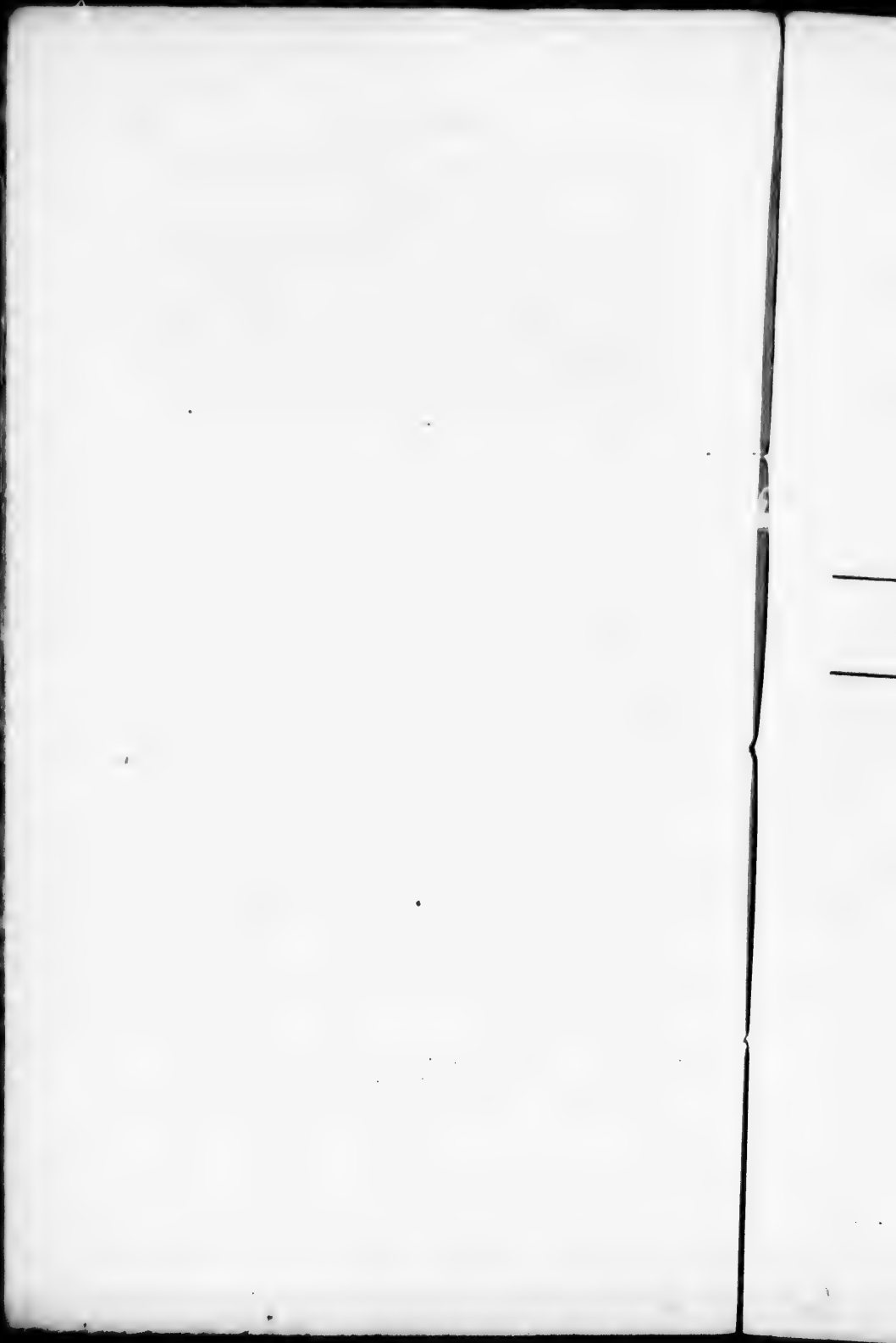
206. That the whole of the laws for the government of the Order shall be published in a book, to be called "The General Laws," and sold to lodges for the use of members.

207. That all fines imposed under the General Laws and appropriated to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, shall only be rescinded on appeal to the District Committee, or the Board of Directors.

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BREAKING A LAW TO WHICH THERE IS NO FINE
ATTACHED.

208. That any District, lodge, or member, breaking a law to which there is no fine attached, the committee before whom the case is tried shall have power to inflict such fine as they may think the case deserves, not exceeding twenty-five shillings, nor less than two shillings and sixpence. *And wherever the word "month" occurs, it shall be understood to mean calendar month.*



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APPENDIX.

SCHEDULES AND FORMS

REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING GENERAL LAWS,

**As adopted by the Annual Moveable Committee,
FOR THE USE OF LODGES.**

OWING to the vast amount of unnecessary labour entailed upon the Corresponding Secretaries of Lodges, consequent on the want of one uniform mode of drawing up the various returns and other documents of the Order, in conformity with the preceding General Laws, the Annual Moveable Committee have deemed it expedient to adopt the following Schedules and Forms, which, it is hoped, will be found more simple in every respect than the former methods, and better calculated to ensure that regularity in keeping the General Accounts of the Order, which is so essential to the welfare of an Institution having its principles so widely diffused as Odd-fellowship. It is therefore obvious that every C. S. will see the propriety of strictly adhering to the Forms annexed, embracing, as will be found on examination, all that is requisite for securing uniformity and avoiding confusion.

Members admitted since last Return.

No.	Names.	Age.	Profession.	Married or single.	No. of Children.	Date.	By Initiation or Clearance.	Am't rec'd.

Registrations in Widows and Orphans' Fund.

Date.	Members' Names.	Wife's Name.	Children's Names.	Date of Birth.	Am't rec'd.

(Signed)

N. G.
Secretary.

Registrations since last Returns.

Name of Lodge.	Member's Name.	Wife's Name.	Children's Names.	Date of Birth.	Amount Paid.

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D. C. S.

Admitted since last Returns.

Names of Lodges.	Names of Members	By Initiation or Clearance.	Profession.	Date of Admission.	Age.	Amount Paid.

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No. 4. PAST OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE.

Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity.

District.

LOYAL _____ LODGE,

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These are to certify that P. G. _____ of
of our Lodge, was on the _____ day of _____ 18
a Regular Lodge night, duly proposed by P. G. _____
and seconded by P. G. _____ as a fit
person to be admitted to the Purple Lecture, and that on
the _____ day of _____ 18 a Regular Lodge
night, the Lodge sanctioned the same, and we do hereby
certify that he is good on the Books of the Lodge.

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our hands,
and affixed our Lodge Seal.

[L. S.]

N. G._____
V. G._____
Sec'y.

No. 5.

CERTIFICATE FOR DEGREES OF P. N. G., P. V. G.,
AND P. S. OF LODGES.

Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity.

District.

LOYAL _____ LODGE,

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These are to certify that Brother _____
has faithfully served the Lodge in the office of _____
and that he has been recommended by vote of his Lodge,
as justly entitled to receive the degree attached to that
office; and that he, a subscribing member, is good on
the Books of our Lodge.

[L. S.]

N. G._____
V. G._____
Sec'y.

No. 6.

FORM OF APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE REQUIRED
FOR NEW LODGES, AS PER LAWS No. 164 TO 172.

Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity.

LOYAL _____ LODGE,
_____ 18

These are to certify that the subjoined _____ persons have applied to this Lodge to obtain a Dispensation for leave to open a new Lodge at the House of _____ in the Town of _____ in the County of _____; that our Lodge have on the _____ day of _____ 18 (a regular lodge night,) passed the same, and have recommended said New Lodge to be called the Loyal _____

As witness, our hands and Seal of Lodge.

[L. S.]

N. G.

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NAMES OF APPLICANTS.

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No. 7. CERTIFICATE FROM DISTRICT.

Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity.
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 These are to certify that the foregoing Application
 having been duly considered, this District _____ on
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 and the sum of £5 having been received, it has been
 considered desirable to recommend the same to the G.
 M. and Board of Directors, and to request a Dispensation
 may be granted forthwith for the _____ Lodge
 as therein requested.

As witness our hands and seal, the day and year first
 above written.

_____ D. G. M.
 _____ D. D. G. M.
 _____ D. C. S.

No. 8.

CERTIFICATE OF APPLICATION FOR THE FUNERAL
DONATION.

LOYAL _____ LODGE, No. _____

_____ District . _____ 18

This is to certify that (Christian name, or the wife of
 Brother _____) departed this life on the
 _____ day of _____ 18 ; that he is not at this
 time, nor has he been at any period during the last four-
 teen weeks in arrears, as stated in the 34th law; he is
 consequently entitled to the funeral donation. He is
 _____ married, and has _____ children.

[L. S.] _____ N. G.
 _____ V. G.
 _____ Sec'y.

NOTE.—When the Member has joined by card or clearance,
 state when and where initiated.

This Certificate must be forwarded immediately after death.

